

are, we have not totally addressed the concerns in this state or we would not be here today with the communities that have risen up and talked about the fact that they can't get housing for their...their people. Obviously the housing effort at the federal level has fallen short. It's now going to be cut back. And either the state can say, well, that's too bad, let's just walk away from it. Or we can place, as we talk about the budget, as we talk about the priorities of this state, the housing issue as among those that ought to be looked at because right now it's not in the mix, it's not on the table. And it ought to be. And we're saying that there is a problem, let's talk about the problem, let's talk about solutions to the problem. We're not rushing into anything. We're establishing, through this bill, a fund that will be there, that we can put money into in the future, or we can decide not to. But at least, at least the option is there as Appropriations Committee and the Governor build a budget for next year and as we look at funding sources through the committee that's established. So, that's...that's a brief response...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...to Senator Witek's comments. But let me, let me also add, Senator Beutler's amendment, although as I indicated, agree with the thrust of what he's talking about, I think it's too restrictive and so I rise in opposition to the Beutler amendment, but again, pledge to work with him on further language on Select File if we have that opportunity. With that, I thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Governor Robak. First of all I guess I want to acknowledge that Senator Wesely is honest when he says he's liberal. I will be honest and tell you I'm conservative. But I don't think this is a conservative-liberal issue. I think this is far, far afield from that. And I'm not going to delve into that any more, but I do want to ask Senator Beutler a question if I might.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR VRTISKA: The only problem that I'm really having with this, and I talked to you about it off the floor but I think it